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Veterans Posttraumatic Growth Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3235	Identical bill	Sep 15, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 543.

Summary (as of Mar 29, 2019)

Veterans Posttraumatic Growth Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a two-year pilot program to study the effectiveness of nonprofit post-traumatic growth programs to determine (1) the outcomes of such programs in contrast to traditional models of mental health care, (2) the possible integration of such nonprofit programs into VA mental health care programs, and (3) the budgetary impact of such integration. Post-traumatic growth is the positive psychological change that can result from struggling with traumatic events.

The bill makes veterans who are not at immediate risk of attempting suicide and not participating in traditional mental health treatment eligible for such program.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 29, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 29, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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